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August 14, 2007

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

This letter is to express my support and thanks for your authorship of S 420, a private bill on behalf of my constituent, Mrs. Jacqueline "Jackie" Coats of San Leandro.

As you know Marlin Coats married Jackie Coats, an immigrant from Kenya on April 17, 2006. The couple filed a petition for permanent residency on May 10, 2006 for Jackie to stay in the country as a married spouse. Four days later, Marlin Coats heroically died in the Pacific waters near Ocean Beach, San Francisco while attempting to save the lives of two young boys.

S 420 will honor Marlin Coats' last documented wish to provide permanent residency to his wife. The passage of S 420 will not only demonstrate our country's respect for Mr. Coats' bravery and ultimate sacrifice but will also fulfill his commitment to Jackie.

I recently had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Coats and was moved by her story. I am committed to organizing support for S 420 both here in my district and in the California Legislature. As part of this effort I will be posting an online petition on my official Assembly website allowing concerned citizens the opportunity to register their support for your bill. Copies of all support letters and petitions will be forwarded to your office.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if I can provide further assistance or contact my Chief of Staff, Stan Di Orio at (916) 319-2018. Once again I want to thank you for work on this matter and hopefully we can get S 420 passed this upcoming session of Congress.

Sincerely,

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